

Claim Amendments

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (New) A method in a computer system for customizing a graphical representation of project data, the method comprising:

providing project data for a project, the project data identifying tasks of the project;
displaying a graphical representation of the provided project data, wherein a task is displayed as a graphical element displayed in a first format;
receiving from a user a selection of a graphical element representing a task;
displaying options for formatting the selected graphical element;
receiving from the user a selection of a second format for the selected graphical element; and
re-displaying the selected graphical element in the selected second format

whereby the user can customize the display of the graphical representation of project data on a task-by-task basis.

20. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the graphical representation is a Gantt chart.

21. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the graphical representation is a PERT chart.

22. (New) The method of claim 19 including storing an association between the task represented by the selected graphical element and selected second format so that when the graphical representation of the provided project data is re-displayed, the graphical element for the task can be displayed in the selected second format.

23. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein tasks are assigned to categories and including:

receiving from the user a selection of a category;
receiving from the user a selection of a third format; and
re-displaying the graphical elements of the tasks assigned to the selected category in the selected third format.

24. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the displaying of options includes displaying a dialog box for specifying a style of a graphical element and a separate dialog box for specifying how data within a graphical element is to be displayed.

25. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the displaying of options includes displaying a dialog box for specifying a style of a graphical element.

26. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein the displaying of options includes displaying a dialog box for specifying how data within a graphical element is to be displayed.

27. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein the dialog box displays an indication of pre-existing templates for display of data.

28. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein a task has associated data variables and the selected second format specifies the data variables of the task whose values are to be displayed within the selected graphical representation.

29. (New) A computer-readable medium for controlling a computer system to customize a graphical representation of project data of a project, the project having tasks, a task having data variables, by a method comprising:

displaying a graphical representation of the provided project data, wherein a task is displayed as a graphical element displayed with a first set of one or more data variables being displayed;

receiving from a user a selection of a graphical element representing a task;

displaying an indication of data variables of a task;

receiving from the user a selection of a second set of one or more data variables;
and

re-displaying the selected graphical element with the selected second set of data variables

whereby the user can customize the display of the graphical representation of project data on a task-by-task basis.

30. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 29 including storing an association between the task represented by the selected graphical element and the selected second set of data variables so that when the graphical representation of the provided project data is re-displayed, the graphical element for the task can be displayed with the selected second set of data variables.

31. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 29 wherein tasks are assigned to categories and the graphical elements representing tasks assigned to a selected category are displayed with the selected second set of data variables.

32. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 29 wherein the displaying of the indication includes displaying a dialog box for specifying a style of the graphical element and a separate dialog box for specifying how data variables within the graphical element are to be displayed.

33. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 29 wherein the displaying of the indication includes displaying a dialog box for specifying how data variables within the graphical element are to be displayed.

34. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 22 wherein the dialog box displays an indication of pre-existing templates for display of the data variables.

35. (New) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to customize a graphical representation of project data, by a method comprising:

providing project data for a project, the project data identifying tasks of the project,
at least some of the tasks being assigned to a category;
displaying a graphical representation of the provided project data, wherein a task is
displayed as a graphical element displayed in a first format;
receiving from a user a selection of category of a task;
displaying options for formatting a graphical element representing a task;
receiving from the user a selection of a second format; and
re-displaying the graphical elements of the tasks assigned to the selected category
in the second format

whereby the user can customize the display of the graphical representation of project data on a category-by-category basis.

36. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein the graphical representation is a Gantt chart.

37. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein the graphical representation is a PERT chart.

38. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 including storing an association between the selected category and the second format so that when the graphical representation of the provided project data is re-displayed, the graphical element for a task assigned to that category can be displayed in the second format.

39. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein the displaying of options includes displaying a dialog box for specifying a style of a graphical element and a separate dialog box for specifying how data within a graphical element is to be displayed.

40. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein the displaying of options includes displaying a dialog box for specifying a style of a graphical element.

41. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein the displaying of options includes displaying a dialog box for specifying how data within a graphical element is to be displayed.

42. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 35 wherein a task has associated data variables and the second format specifies the data variables of the task whose values are to be displayed within the graphical elements of tasks assigned to the selected category.